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Enclosed for filing please find Applicant's Response to Office Action dated 6/22/05. Please let us know if you have any questions.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Mungall et al.

SERIAL NO.: 10/711,489

FILED: September 21, 2004

FOR: Concentrated Buoyancy  
Subsea Pipeline Apparatus  
and Method

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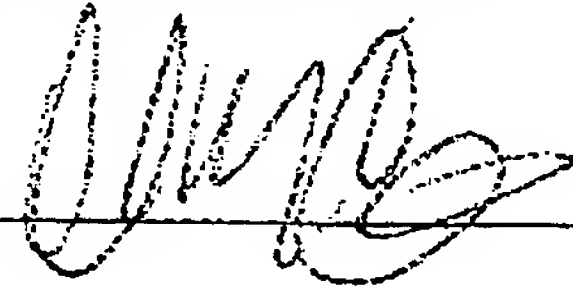
Sir or Madam:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action (election requirement) dated June 22, 2005 and in response provisionally elects the tethered buoy species of Figs. 3A-3H. Original claims 1-21 are generic to both species, and claims 22 and 25 -- 26 read on the provisionally elected species. The election is provisional in that applicant traverses the necessity of the election because generic claims are

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allowable, and respectfully requests examination and/or rejoinder of all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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